

GERMAY PLAYS ITS TRUMP CARD

Dr. Von Kuehlmann, Foreign Secretary, Chosen As Official German Head

LULL ON FIGHT FRONTS

New Offensive in Italy Expected Soon—Argentine in Turmoil and May Enter War

Peace negotiations between the Teutonic allies and the Russians have begun at Brest-Litovsk, and apparently the enemy has played a trump card at the outset, for on the proposal of Prince Leopold of Bavaria, the German commander in chief, and Doctor von Kuehlmann, the German foreign secretary, an astute politician has been chosen unanimously as official German head. A noteworthy fact in the composition of the delegation from the Bavarian countries allied with the Austro-Germans, is that they include men who have stood high in the councils of their respective countries, while the men who represent Russia for the most part are unknown in world politics. Still another outstanding fact in the meagre details that thus far have come through, is that Rumania is not credited with sending a delegate to Brest-Litovsk. The possibility, is, therefore, that Rumania has decided to hold aloof from discussing a separate peace, due to the fact that geographically she will be separated from her allies should the conference result in Russia quitting.

On the fighting fronts, even in Italy, the activity of troops is below normal. In France and Belgium the fighting is in the nature of outpost encounters and bombardments, while on the northern Italian front the enemy has lost the initiative, which is entirely in behalf of Gen. Diaz's men. The situation on the Italian front is not expected long to remain as it is, however, for the Austro-Germans are concentrating heavy reinforcements, and a return to the offensive which they have in view there is to be expected. The enemy has a hard task, for it is a different army than that which retreated. Re-enforced by British and French troops and newly equipped in every department, the Italians now are prepared to sell, and at a dear price, every inch of ground that the Austro-Germans may take.

In Argentine a demonstration in favor of the South American republic entering the war against the Teutonic allies continues as a result of the latest exposure of German intrigue in dispatches sent by Count von Luxburg, the former German minister, to the foreign office in Berlin. Extreme bitterness is being shown by the populace against Germany and demonstrations are daily taking place requiring troops to suppress. The present week is expected to see Argentine take in hand the question as to whether Argentine shall enter the war.

FOUR AMERICANS LOSE LIVES

Two Swept Overboard at Sea and Two Dle of Gunshot Wounds.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 23.—Gen. Pershing reported today the loss of two soldiers swept overboard and drowned on a transport at sea Dec. 17, and the death of two others from gun shot wounds. The men lost at sea were:

Corporal Samuel H. Kehl, engineer, mother, Mrs. Lettie Andrews, Shenandoah, Pa.

Private William F. Smith, engineer, aunt, Mrs. Amanda Taylor, Chicago, Ill.

Those who died of wounds were:

Sergeant Grover Goodall, headquarters, Dec. 14, mother, Mrs. Ellen Goodall, Sheldon, Pa.

Corporal Fauntleroy, stevedore, Dec. 20, father, George Fauntleroy, Pingsdale, Virginia.

GERMAN DESERTERS ARRIVE

Stowaways on Belgian Relief Ship Say They Are Accustomed to Hunger.

An Atlantic Port, Dec. 23.—Two deserters from the German army arrived here today as stowaways on a Belgian relief ship.

They were turned over to immigration officials. One was under 20 years of age and is said to have escaped from the Russian front. After remaining in Sweden for two months they decided to come to the United States.

When the ship was five days out the Germans said they were weak from hunger and thirst and said "they had been accustomed to hunger in Germany."

TO LABEL COAL SHOVELS.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 23.—Every household in the land from the White House to the most humble village cottage is to have its coal shovel tagged with war time economy hints on Wednesday, January 30. The fuel administrator announced tonight that the services of the twenty million odd school children were being enlisted for the task, and all state and municipal authorities and teachers would be asked to unite in making the day a national event.

The shovels will be labeled, "Save that shovel full of coal a day for Uncle Sam," and on the back, will carry advice about the heating and use of furnaces.

BEGIN TRAINING IN FRANCE

Recently Arrived American Forces Begin Theoretical Attack.

With the American army in France, Friday, Dec. 21.—Virtually all the officers attached to the recently arrived division composed of former National Guardsmen, today watched a French theoretical attack, over hills covered with snow. The officers attended for instruction purposes.

In another sector of the American zone, United States troops began maneuvers involving the theoretical descent on an important railroad junction against superior forces. The airplanes participated, "enemy lines" being distinguished by long, black streamers. The Americans spread out along the line and made all preparations. The weather is very cold, the roads are covered with ice, and the ground with snow, but the troops have become so hardened they do not seem to mind the difficult conditions.

TROTSKY STATES AIMS OF RUSSIAN PEOPLE

In Speech Addressed to Workmen's and Soldiers' Delegates and the Present Congress

Petrograd, Russia, Friday, Dec. 21.—Detailed report from the special session of central executive of the Workmen and Soldier delegates, the Petrograd delegates and the present Congress called to consider the peace negotiations, show that Leon Trotsky, the Bolshevik foreign minister, suggested a plan by which a military proposition might be offered if there were an attempt by the Central Powers to force objectionable peace terms upon Russia.

"We have called you here to ask your support," Trotsky said, "You must help us make peace with nations and not with German militarism. If our delegation will see eye to eye with representatives of the German nation then peace will be impossible. If the selection should continue in Europe, if the German Emperor should be enabled to offer an offensive peace we would fight against it."

"I do not know whether we could fight because of economic conditions, and the disorganized state of the army. But I state we would fight, we would release all elderly soldiers and call young men to arms. The allies must understand we did not overthrow Czarism to accept Kaiserism."

"If they should offer unacceptable terms directed against the lives of our people, then we will submit the question to them, but if exhausted as we are by this unprecedented slaughter, we must accept the terms of the German Emperor, we would accept them only in order to rise with the German people against German Kaiserism as we rose against Czarism."

SANTA CLAUS VISITS 600 FRENCH ORPHANS

American Soldiers Give Christmas Entertainment to Little Waifs

American Army in France, Dec. 22.—The United States represented by a contingent of her fighting men, tonight took to her bosom 600 of the war orphans of France, and make each of them happy. In addition, 10,000 francs were raised to provide for the children during the coming year. This work was done at a Christmas entertainment by officers and men of a certain National Guard division, in conjunction with the French authorities.

Each boy and girl received what they most desired from the great Christmas tree. An American lieutenant played Santa Claus.

It was their first good time since war began, for their fathers had most of them, early given their lives for France. Not a few of them when found were wandering around the war zone, unable to tell who they were. The percentage of numbers of them still remain unknown.

NOT TO INVADE SWITZERLAND

Germany Has No Desire to Make an Enemy of Her.

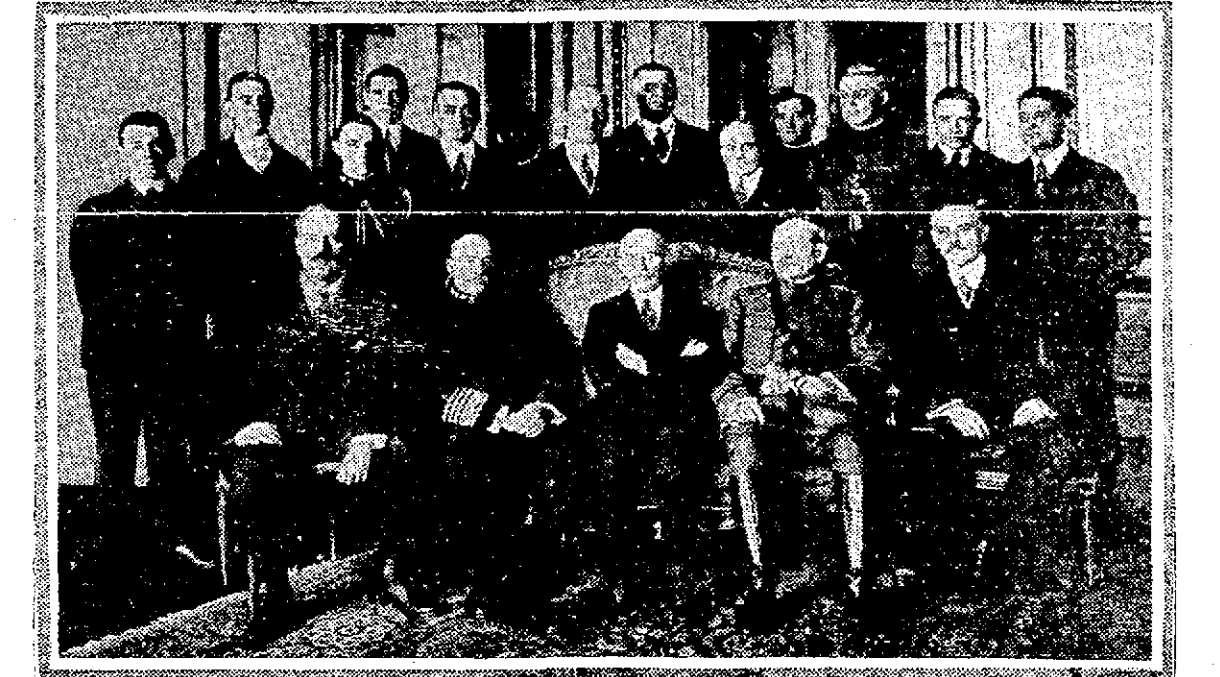
Berne, Switzerland, Dec. 23.—Public opinion in France may be reassured regarding reports in circulation in that country that an Austro-German offensive through Switzerland is in preparation, Justice Ador, Swiss foreign minister, told a correspondent of the Petit Journal today.

"My sincere personal opinion," said Mr. Ador, "is that we need not have the slightest fear of such an attempt. Germany has other things to do on the western front than to get the Swiss army on her back, and from an economic point of view Germany has every interest not to make an enemy of Switzerland."

TO AMEND FARM LOAN ACT.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 23.—The Federal Farm Loan board announced today that it advocates an amendment to the farm loan act under which many private farm mortgage bankers may enter the government system of joint stock land banks. At the same time the board also gave warning that it expects interest seeking to break down the system to file a suit soon to test the constitutionality of the act.

New Photograph of U. S. War Mission in Paris



AMERICAN WAR MISSION. Members of America's representation to the allied conference held in Paris are shown here as they were photographed in their hotel in the French capital. Col. E. M. House, close personal friend of President Wilson, and head of the American delegation, is seen seated in the center of the group on the couch. To his right is Admiral William S. Benson of the navy, and to his left, General Tasker H. Bliss, chief of staff. Colonel House recently returned, as did various other members of the party.

VON KUELMANN SPEECH AT PEACE CONFERENCE

His Proposed Rules Adopted and Declares His Purpose to Be to Make Speedy Progress

Amsterdam, Holland, Dec. 23.—A dispatch received here from Brest-Litovsk, Russia, dated Saturday, says: "Prince Leopold of Bavaria, as commander in chief of German forces in the east, welcomed the delegates and invited Hakkii Pasha, of the senior delegates, to open the conference. Hakkii Pasha, after an expression of desire for a satisfactory result, declared the meeting formally opened and proposed von Kuehlmann as presiding officer. The German foreign minister was unanimously elected. The most important speech before the delegates was made by Dr. Richard von Kuehlmann, the German foreign minister, who said:

"The purpose of this meeting is to terminate war between the central powers and Russia, and re-establish a state of peace and friendship. In view of the situation, it will be impossible in the course of the deliberations to prepare a plan of peace, elaborate in its smallest details. What I have in mind is to fix the most important principles and conditions on which neighboring intercourse, especially agricultural and industrial, can be resumed. Our negotiations will be guided by a spirit of peaceful humanity and mutual esteem. They must take into account on the one hand what has become historical, in order that we may not lose our footing on the firm ground of fact, but on the other hand they must be inspired by the leading motives which have brought us here together. It has been an auspicious circumstance that the negotiations open within sight of that festival which for centuries has symbolized 'Peace on earth, good will to men.' I enter into negotiations with a desire that our work may make speedy progress."

The German foreign minister proposed the following rules, which were adopted:

Question of precedence will be decided according to alphabetical list of represented powers.

Sittings will be presided over by the peace representative of each of the five powers in rotation.

The following languages may be used in debate: German, Bulgarian, Russian and Turkish.

Questions concerning only part of the powers may be discussed separately.

Official report of proceedings will be drafted jointly.

At von Kuehlmann's suggestion, the chief Russian delegate stated the peace program in a long speech, which concluded on the whole with the well known resolution of the workmen and soldiers.

The delegates of the central powers declared their readiness to proceed with the examination of the Russian plan.

CALL MAJ. GENERALS TO TESTIFY

Relative to Conditions Found in American Expeditionary Forces in France.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 23.—Three major generals commanding training camps, who recently returned from observation of camps in France, have been ordered by the war department to come to Washington to testify before the military committee concerning conditions of members of the American expeditionary forces. They also will be called upon to describe conditions.

The officers are Major Gen. John P. O'Ryan of Camp Wadsworth, S. C.; Major Gen. Edwin E. St. Grebe, of Camp Bowie, Texas, and Major Gen. William M. Wright, of Camp Donahue, Okla. Surgeon General Gorgas in a recent report to Secretary Baker said the disease epidemic at Camps Bowie and Donahue were caused by overcrowding, had sanitary conditions and lack of clothing.

WOULD INVOLVE UNITED STATES

Trotsky Charges American Agents Gave Aid to Kaledines and Cossacks

MUST BREAK SILENCE

Boishevik Foreign Minister Demands American Ambassador Explain His Conduct

Petrograd, Russia, Dec. 23.—Leon Trotsky, the Bolshevik foreign minister and the leader of the revolutionary organization, assembled in congress today, read a telegram which contained evidence that General Kaledines, leader of the Cossacks, has been aided by American representatives.

"Last night," said Trotsky, "we found that the American agents in Russia were participating in the Kaledines movement. We arrested Col. Kolpashnikoff, attached to the American legation in Rumania, who was trying to get a train load of automobiles, clothing and supplies to Rostov. Among documents was a letter from David R. Francis, American ambassador to Russia, requesting that the trains be given free passage, as it was bound for the mission at Jaffa."

"One letter from Col. Anderson, head of the American Red Cross mission in Rumania, to Kolpashnikoff said that if money were needed Ambassador Francis was ready to advance one hundred thousand rubles on account of Red Cross. We think that the American ambassador must break his silence now."

"Since the revolution commenced he has been the most silent diplomat in Petrograd. Evidently he belongs to the Bismarck school, in which it was taught that silence is golden. He must explain his connection with the conspiracy."

"I desire to let the representatives of all the foreign powers know that we are not so blind as to allow our feet to be trampled on. We have already had occasion to show the British ambassador that the revolutionary government is not lacking in dignity and that we are not acting under the influence of the Anglo-American Bourgeoisie, but have a pure principle for which we will conquer or perish."

The Bolshevik minister of public welfare, then moved that the meeting send Raymond Robins, head of the permanent American Red Cross mission to Russia on the arrest of Kolpashnikoff and prior to the Trotsky speech, offered to explain the matter to the Bolshevik leader, but Trotsky refused to hear him unless he came as the representative of the embassy. Ambassador Francis, in a statement to the Russian press, declared that the embassy and the Red Cross are in no way involved in the counter revolution. He said that Kolpashnikoff received no aid from the embassy.

WOULD EVADE CONSCRIPTION.

Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 23.—Fred Toney of this city, of the Cincinnati national and Jesse Webb, of Davison company and a member of the local exemption board were arrested today on a charge of attempting to evade the Selective Service Law. They were required to furnish bail in sum of \$2,500 each to appear at the March term of Federal court when their cases will go before the grand jury.

Webb and Toney conspired, it is alleged, on grounds of dependency and that Webb made a false statement is claimed.

BOLSHEVICKI WARNED BY CHINA.

Peking, China, Dec. 23.—The Chinese commander of Hardin, Manchuria, delivered an ultimatum to Bolshevik today, giving them 48 hours to disarm and leave Hardin. Otherwise, they were warned, force would be used.

HEARS DELEGATES RETURN

No Information About the German Rejection of Russian Plan.

London, England, Dec. 23.—Russian peace delegates are returning to Petrograd according to a dispatch from the Associated Press correspondent in the Russian capital received here today. The message gave no reason for their return and said nothing about the reported German rejection of Russian plans. It added, however, that no definite news regarding the negotiations was being given out at the headquarters of the Bolsheviks.

The starting of the recall of the delegates and the rejection of the Russian had not attracted much attention apparently from the head of the enemy delegations at Brest-Litovsk when the report became current. Count Zernin, Austro-Hungarian minister, and his suite, including Gen. Ripeinger and some German staff officers, now are in that city but the arrival of Doctor Huelhmann, the German minister, has not yet been reported.

MUST FIX THE PRICE OF MILK BEFORE JAN. 1

Investigation Discloses That Neither Producers or Dealers Are Making a Profit

New York, Dec. 23.—Many startling facts as to the milk supply in New York state are being brought out at the hearings of the federal milk commission for the middle states.

This commission, appointed by National Food Administrator Hoover to fix the price of milk in New York for the months of January, February and March, has been gathering a vast amount of data showing what it costs the New York farmers to produce a quart of milk and what it costs the distributors to get the milk from the farmers to the consumers.

Dr. W. H. Jordan, chairman of the commission, hopes to have sufficient facts this week to enable the commission to reach a decision. The commission must determine not only the price which the milk distributing companies shall pay to the New York farmers, but it also must determine what price the consumers in New York city must pay. The commission's decision will determine indirectly the price which milk consumers in Buffalo, Rochester, Syracuse, Albany, Binghamton and other cities in the state shall pay for milk, because the retail price in all those cities must be based primarily on the amount which the commission directs to be paid to the farmers producing the milk.

The testimony taken by the commission thus far indicates that the farmers are losing money on the prices they are now receiving for milk, and the distributing companies have furnished many detailed reports which show that they are unable to make any profit on the prices they are now receiving for milk in New York city. In fact some of the testimony thus far given by the producers shows that they are delivering milk at a loss this winter.

An interesting phase of the commission's work is the novel method adopted by its counsel, Frank W. Stevens, to bring out facts as to milk prices. In former investigations the general plan has been to get into the capitalization of corporations with a view to determining whether those corporations have a large amount of watered stock and are demanding prices high enough to enable them to pay dividends on that watered stock.

Mr. Stevens' plan was to find out how much it costs the farmer to produce a quart of milk at the present time; next to find what it costs to get that quart of milk from the farmer to the railroad station; next how much it costs for transportation to this city, and then how much it costs to pasteurize and deliver the quart of milk to the consumer. Under Mr. Stevens' plan, after these detailed costs have been obtained as accurately as possible, the commission will determine what is a reasonable profit for the producer and for the distributors.

The addition of this reasonable profit to the actual cost of getting the quart of milk from the farmer to the consumer will give the price which the consumer should pay. It is pointed out that under such a plan as this no milk distributing company, regardless of whether its capitalization may be watered or not, can get from the consumer anything beyond a reasonable profit on the milk it sells to the public.

DENY PREMIER'S STATEMENT.

Amsterdam, Holland, Dec. 23.—According to Berlin dispatch detail given to the state made by Premier Lloyd George, November 19, that five German submarines had been sunk on the previous 8 Sunday. The statement gave no particulars of actual sinking. In the speech in question, the premier said:

"But now of the submarine I have no fear. We are on its track, and I am glad to tell the house that on Saturday we destroyed four of them."

DEATHS AT HALIFAX.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 23.—Latest estimate of deaths in the calamity of Dec. 6 is placed at 1,500. Herman Barnstead of the mortuary stated today that more than 1,100 bodies have been recovered, and that about 300 are missing; and in addition that one person removed to a hospital outside of the city died of injuries. During the past week 139 bodies were recovered.

ALL SOLDIERS AND SAILORS

Will Have a Complete Christmas Dinner With Turkey and Trimmings

LATE SHIPMENTS ARRIVE

Reach France in Time to Give Men of Expeditionary Forces Longed For Meals

Washington, D. C., Dec. 23.—Every American soldier in France is to get his Christmas turkey, cranberry sauce, sweet potatoes and mince pie after all. The War department announced tonight that delayed supplies for some units of the expeditionary forces had arrived, and that every member of the nation's navy and the soldiers at home and abroad would get a complete Christmas dinner. Many thousands of pounds of the best turkeys in the eastern market have been sent across for the blue jackets of the navy patrolling foreign waters. Bountiful provisions had been made for the army training camps and cantonments and the ships in home waters.

One battleship has announced its menu will be mock turtle soup, olives, roast turkey (sage dressing) giblet gravy, cranberry sauce, potatoes au gratin, celery, roast loin of pork, mixed pickles, buttered beets, apple sauce, mashed potatoes, salad, cheese and crackers, apple pie, chocolate cake, ice cream, fresh fruit, nuts and raisins, coffee and cigars.

The war and navy departments say no member of the armed forces will fail to receive a token from home or from well-wishing organizations. Transports have carried to France approximately 1,450,000 pounds of Christmas gifts for the men of the expeditionary forces through special arrangements made by the government. In addition to 250,000 separate parcels handled by military authorities and already reported received, it is estimated that an additional 100,000 went directly through the mails. All parcels were opened at an American port to prevent possible dangerous articles which might have been sent by enemies. Officers in charge of this work note that the home folks sent a wide line of remembrances, most of which were appropriate for immediate use and aided in making more comfortable trench life. By the war and navy departments permission, training camp cantonments and stations will have special Christmas entertainments, athletic events, amateur theatricals and religious observances through Y. M. C. A., Knights of Columbus and Young Men's Hebrew organization. Motion pictures will be seen at many camps in the evening and the regimental bands will furnish music.

As on Thanksgiving day, the citizens of communities in the vicinity of the camps will contribute to the entertainment of the men, with house parties. Several fraternal organizations have made special arrangements for the entertainment of their membership at the camps.

TO ASSIST IN CROP WORK

Secretary Baker Suggests Plan to Permit Farming Delegation.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 23.—Secretary Baker has a plan to permit farmers in the army to return to their homes at periodical intervals to assist in crop production. He outlined today, to a delegation of New York farmers, who protested against conditions created by the scarcity of labor.

Heeded by I. C. Styver, the farmer representing the New York Federation of Farm Bureaus, explained in detail the difficulties which confront the farmers. They did not ask for exemption of farm laborers, but suggested that it would be necessary either to exempt farm labor or conscript it. It was pointed out that the crop of 1917 was short largely because of inability to secure sufficient labor. This the farmers admitted was due somewhat to the migration of farm laborers to industrial centers, but the taking of men from the farms into the army, it was explained, had made the situation worse, and if the crop of 1918 is to be at its maximum, some relief must be given.

The secretary told the farmers he was studying a plan to grant furloughs in the spring and the fall to boys from the farms whose training had been sufficiently advanced, or condition that they should return to their homes. A compulsory leave from the army in order to assist with the farm work, however, is no part of the plan.

AIM IS PERMANENT PEACE.

New York, Dec. 23.—A nationwide campaign to concentrate attention on the supreme cause of the war as interpreted by President Wilson in his message to congress was announced here today by the Church Peace union. The campaign will be undertaken jointly with the League to Enforce Peace and will be in charge of a committee of ten of which William H. Taft, president of the league, is a member. The announced aim will be to point out that the fundamental purpose of war is a permanent peace, guaranteed by a league of nations.

GOETHALS REMAINS PRESIDENT.

Seward, N. J., Dec. 23.—Admiral Goethals will remain president of the Wright-Martin Air Craft corporation in spite of his return to active duty in the army. It was announced today.

HUNDRED GIRLS MADE HAPPY.

Members of Girl's Sewing Class at Woman's Club Given Christmas Party.

Inspired by a widespread desire to give this holiday season when the need is so urgent, for any suffering and needy, the members of the Girl's Sewing class at the Woman's club voluntarily requested the club to omit the usual present of dolls and other articles to them and in lieu thereof to expend the money for materials from which they would make layettes for the refugee Belgian and French babies. The suggestion was accepted and the work is progressing. Despite this action the ladies in charge of the work thought something should be done for the little misses and accordingly a Christmas party was given them at the club Saturday afternoon from 3 to 8 o'clock, at which they were all present and it proved one of the happiest events since the sewing class became a permanent feature of the year's work of the club.

The little ladies were received by Mrs. Dorman Baldwin, president of the club and Mrs. H. V. Lee and Mrs. Daniel Lucc, the directors in charge of the class, incidentally teaching the girls some of the social amenities which could not prove other than beneficial, their response being most gratifying to this feature. Rev. B. M. Johns told the gathering the story of the birth of Jesus in a fascinating manner and in language that they could readily comprehend and they gave close attention and evidently were interested in the story. Mrs. Mills and a host of young ladies who sang Christmas carols at the recent club entertainment then appeared and repeated several of the carols for the delight of the little folks, which were as enthusiastically received as by the club members on the former occasion. Mrs. Baldwin followed with a little talk to the girls commending their self-sacrificing spirit in the expressed desire to do something for others at this time of gift making and expressing the hope that the day might bring them even more of genuine satisfaction than had no such action been taken.

At the conclusion of the program ice cream and cake were served to all and later with Miss Westervelt directing, they played games, enjoying an hour therein. When the hour for departure arrived the little seamstresses greeted the hostesses of the day pleasantly and expressed their sincere appreciation of the occasion. Throughout the afternoon their faces had clearly indicated a maximum of enjoyment and they were especially happy when they were presented, on departing, each with a bag of candy, an orange and a pop corn ball. The teachers and numerous members interested, were present to witness the enjoyment of the guests of the afternoon, which was no keener than that of the older ones who had part in giving the party.

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Mitchell 183 111 130 423
VanWise 122 116 100 338
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Totals 586 576 535 1704

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FREE BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Christmas Program to Be Given at 7 O'clock This Evening.

The annual Christmas exercises of the Sunday school of the Free Baptist church will be held this evening at 7 o'clock, at which the following program will be rendered:

Song—Glory to God. Chorus.
Prayer. Pastor.

Recitation—A Welcome. Elizabeth Mahon, Louis Walford.

Recitation—A Baby King. Bernice Brown.

Recitation—A Star Shone. Mabel Moak.

Solo—Star of Bethlehem. Mildred Cain.

Exercise—The Great Word of Christmas. M. Duesler's class.

Song—Little Stars. Primary children.

Recitation—The Sweetest Story. Edith Saxton.

Exercise—Christmas Flowers. Three Primary children.

Exercise—Forget-me-nots Miss Parks' class.

Recitation—Sharing Christmas. Edith Barney.

Song—The Christmas Spirit. Chorus.

Recitation—Gratitude. George Terneing.

Exercise—Little Candles Bright. Miss Congdon's class.

Recitation—The Birds' Christmas Tree. Marion Bookhout.

Song—Christmas Wishes. Six Juniors.

Recitation—Christ is King. Ruth Driggs.

Exercise—In the Good Old Fashioned Way. Mrs. Gibbs' class.

A Christmas Prayer—For One "Over There." Rupert Beisel.

Song—Glad Tidings of Great Joy. Chorus.

At the end of this program Santa Claus is scheduled to arrive, he is very anxious to see the parents of all the children as well as all the children.

Ogden's Y. M. C. A. barber shop will be open until 9 p. m. Monday and closed all day Tuesday, Christmas day. adv't 3t

To Entertain Friends.

The kindergarten department of the First Methodist Episcopal Sunday school will give a Christmas party at the church parlors this afternoon from 2 to 4 o'clock. The children have invited in as their guests 25 little people who do not regularly attend and have trimmed a tree as a surprise for them. Stories will be told, games played and light refreshments served with a distribution of gifts to the guests from the children of the department, this being their way of demonstrating that "it is more blessed to give than to receive."

Cheapest and Best.

The cheapest and best Christmas gift you can send to an absent friend formerly of Oneonta would be a year's subscription to the Oneonta Herald. It costs but \$1 and would be a weekly news letter, giving all the important happenings of Oneonta and old Oneonta. Send your dollar to The Herald with the address and a Christmas seal will be attached to the first copy forwarded.

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WHAT THE NEW YORK NEWSPAPERS SAID OF "REDEMPTION."
"REDEMPTION" movie sold out. Hundreds turned away at Cohan Theatre—
—New York World
"REDEMPTION" is a surprise—a revelation —New York Telegraph
"REDEMPTION" conveyed a sense of courageous womanhood —New York Times
MISS NESBIT leaped with one bound into the front rank of screen stars—N. Y. Sun
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New York Evening Telegram

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OTSEGO COUNTY NEWS

WANTED FROM WORCESTER.

Announcement of Christmas Services at the Churches.

Worcester, Dec. 23.—Christmas will be observed by the churches and Sunday schools on Sunday and Christmas eve.

At the Presbyterian church there will be a supper and tree for the school on Monday evening. At the Baptist church there will be a tree and entertainment by the school at the same time.

Sunday services at the Methodist Episcopal church will have Christmas anthems by the choir and preaching by the pastor. Union service in the evening at the Methodist.

The Christmas exercises for the Methodist Sunday school will be held Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock. A program entitled "The Glory of the Lord" is being prepared. A cordial welcome to all.

Undergoes Successful Operation.

Mrs. Sarah Best has received word that her daughter, Edith, who teaches at Englewood, N. J., was ill and would enter the hospital for an operation. In the evening, a telegram was received, stating that the operation was successfully performed and Miss Best was doing well. Her many friends here hope for her speedy recovery.

Birth.

Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton Wilber have received word of the arrival of a granddaughter, Eleanor C., at the home of their son, Ralph, who is station agent at Seward.

Bordens Harvest Ice.

The Bordens have been hauling large quantities of ice to fill their creamery ice house every day since Monday. The ice is of the finest quality, clear as crystal and about 12 inches thick.

Accepts New Position.

Expressman Harry Jones sold his household property at auction Saturday and has resigned his position here to accept a more lucrative one with the Union Carbide company at Niagara Falls.

Christmas at W. H. S.

At the High school this afternoon, Christmas was observed by a rhetorical and musical program, given by the pupils, which was greatly enjoyed by a large audience. There was a prettily decorated tree.

The Sick Improving.

Albert Wilson, who was quite severely injured a week ago by falling from a load of hay, is slowly improving. C. H. Davison, esq., who was con-

signed to his home for a long time with blood poisoning, is again seen upon the streets, but the affected hand is still carried in a sling.

EAST WORCESTER.

East Worcester, Dec. 23.—The Sunday school of the Methodist Episcopal church held its Christmas exercises in the church Saturday evening.—School closed Friday afternoon and will reopen on Jan. 2.—Mr. and Mrs. Silas Baldwin were in Albany and Schenectady Wednesday on business.—Miss Amy Denny, Mrs. Norman Baldwin, Mrs. Lewis Thurber, Ethel Babcock, Mr. and Mrs. James Shattuck

DELAWARE COUNTY NEWS

HOBART GOING "OVER THE TOP." Whirlwind Finish Today to Red Cross Membership Drive.

Hobart, Dec. 23.—A large congregation gathered in the Methodist Episcopal church this evening to take part in the Red Cross service preparatory to the whirlwind finish of the membership drive of the Hobart branch. Inspiring addresses were made by the Revs. V. P. Backora, W. N. Hawkins and P. St. John Colman, the Hobart orchestra played. The chairman of the drive committee reported that the 200 mark for new members was in sight and urged the committee to double their effort tomorrow and "go over the top" with the desired number of new recruits. A liberal offering was made by the congregation for the local work, and Red Cross members in uniform secured members and pledged at the close of the service. The committee asks all who are not members to hunt up a member of the committee tomorrow and hand in their name and one dollar.

Marriage Announcement.

Cards have been received announcing the marriage of Miss Carola Leist to Arthur Olson in Brooklyn. Miss Leist has been a guest at Montgomery homestead for several summers.

Heard in Hobart.

Harry Bartlett of Frankfort spent the week-end at Montgomery homestead.—Miss Cora Lyon, who is teaching at Walton and her sister, Miss Clara, who has been spending some time at Walton, have returned to their home.—Miss Carol Rich, who is attending Oneonta Normal, is at the

and Leroy Shattuck were shoppers in Oneonta Tuesday.—George Lape spent Tuesday and Wednesday in Cobleskill.—Miss Helen Johnson left Friday night to spend the holiday vacation with her parents in Haverhill, Mass.—Mrs. Albert Head is visiting her daughter, Mrs. John Neer.—Maurice Alvord and Leslie Payne have gone to Illion. Mr. Payne has a position as gun inspector.—Maurice Becker, a member of the National Guard located at Albany, is here on a short furlough.

Christmas Exercises This Evening.

Milford Center, Dec. 23.—The Christmas exercises of the Milford Center Baptist society and Sunday school will be held at the church on Monday evening, December 24. There will be a tree and a special program with songs and recitations. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

home of her parents for the holidays.—Richard B. Mihalko of Cornell and Miss Eleanor Moore of Kingston are also at the home of their parents for the Christmas vacation.—Dr. C. J. Hillis of Kingston is spending a few days at the home of his brother, J. O. Hillis.

SIDNEY SUMMARY.

Sidney Home Defense Corps Attached to Company I of Walton.

Sidney, Dec. 23.—Captain Otto Seest of the Sidney Home Defense corps, which was recently mustered into the state national guard, was in Albany Thursday and calling upon Colonel Walsh of the Tenth regiment. New York guard, learned that the Sidney unit had been attached to Company I of Walton, a unit of the Tenth regiment, and a portion of which is now on duty on the New York aqueduct. The Sidney command numbers 48 men. Colonel Walsh notified Mr. Seest that he had been commissioned first lieutenant and would be attached to Company I.

Short News Items.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. J. Hotelling, Wier street, Wednesday.—Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Conklin have received word from their son, Arthur, who recently visited his home on Furlough, that he is now stationed at Jacksonville, Fla., with the quartermaster's corps.—Ernest VanTassel has purchased and taken possession of the draying business conducted many years by Clyde Barney.—Mrs. Weller Pierce and son, William, left yesterday to spend the holidays with her people at Boonville.—Mrs. B. Joslin visited in

New Berlin yesterday.—Mrs. K. Post of Norwich was a recent guest of her brother, J. C. Conklin.—Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Randall were Utica visitors yesterday.—Mrs. Myron Bundy has returned from a two weeks' visit with Albany relatives.—Misses Ella and Lena Ives have been spending the week with their brother, John Ives, at Guilford.—Friends of D. L. Beal, Mr. and Mrs. P. Pinney, of Plattsburg, are being entertained at his home.

Loses Right Hand.

Sidney friends of the family have received word that Clayton Wylie, well known here, had his right hand cut off, with the exception of the thumb, in a sausage machine in a market where he was employed at Hamilton. He met with his accident early this week and is now at the home of his people in Oxford. Mr. Wylie and family were residents of Sidney several years and only recently moved to Hamilton. He was employed in the Cook market before leaving town. The family consists of his wife and three children and all their friends extend sympathy in this affliction.

Civilian Relief Committee.

The Sidney Red Cross chapter has formed a Civilian Relief committee which is now prepared for active duty. Its duties are particularly to assist parents, wives or children of Sidney enlisted men received any benefits which are due them under the new laws providing such benefits for the dependants of enlisted men. The committee consists of Mrs. L. B. Palmer, chairman; Mrs. James L. Clark, Mrs. H. W. Cooley, Mrs. W. A. Perry, Mrs. C. S. Lines, James L. Clark, Mrs. William Jameson, secretary.

Urges Fuel Conservation.

President James L. Clark of the Sidney National bank in his official capacity as fuel administrator of Delaware county, is endeavoring to get the people of this section to co-operate with the government in coal conservation and to this end has mailed to every paper in his jurisdiction a copy of the government's order that all electric signs must not operate on two stated nights each week, Sundays and Tuesdays. He also makes a public request that only the rooms in private homes that are in actual use by the family be heated this winter. Much fuel will be conserved by complying with these requests.

Responds to Army Call.

Robert Green, a resident of this village, and employed as a druggist at the Rexall store, left Tuesday for New York, in answer to his call for army service. Though his home has been in Sidney many years, he was employed in a drug store in New York when the draft came out and registered there. Word has also been received by Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Fendebury that their nephew, Lee Merritt,

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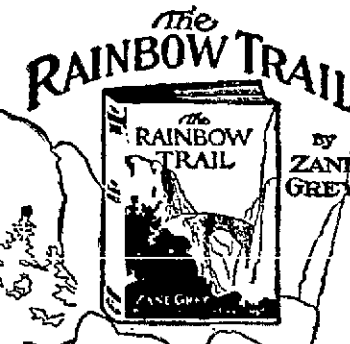
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40c per month; 10c per week.**THE DECALOGUE OF WAR.**

The University of Turin, says Mrs. Anna Howard Shaw, has formulated a new decalogue of war. Like that of the scriptures, it applies to men and women, and by close attention to its rules, everybody will be able to do a sufficient and systematic part. It should be kept in view every day, she says, where it will remind the whole household of the great new struggle which we trust will bring a fulfillment of the spirit of Him who came to bring peace to earth and not a sword. The new decalogue, which is almost as comprehensive in its scope as that of Moses, makes the following injunctions:

1. Do not chatter. Keep to yourself the news you hear, your own impressions, and your apprehensions.
2. Do not listen to alarmists, to slackers, or to those who would spread discouragement. Silence them.
3. Be moderate in your spending, neither lavish in gifts nor sordid in your economies. Let everything in your life, even your daily expenses, take on at this moment its true national importance.

4. Encourage national industries, avoiding imported goods, even though they may seem better and less costly than those made at home.

5. Do not look upon the departure to the front of those dear to you as an abandonment. Be with them constantly in thought, as they are with you, particularly in the hour of danger; and do all that you can to replace them in their former occupations.

6. Do not complain of the difficulties, annoyances and privations caused by the war. Think of those who are dying for their country and complain will halt upon your lips.
7. Multiply your activities, in your home as well as outside, thereby rendering yourself useful to your country by the work of your hands, the warmth of your heart, and the clarity of your intelligence.

8. Exhibit day by day and hour by hour the same courage a man shows upon the battle field. Instruct the ignorant, uphold the feeble, console those who are stricken; transmit your own confidence to others.

9. No matter how long the struggle may last, await victory with strength and patience.

10. If you are stricken in your dearest affections, bear your sorrow nobly, that your tears may be worthy of the hero whose death you mourn.

NOT EASILY CAMOUFLAGED.

It is an encouraging fact about the war on the eastern front that the Bolsheviks, though peaceful as the dove, have in some degree at least the wisdom of the serpent. At any rate the present rulers in that uncertain republic have come out flat-footedly with an announcement that they will not accept the offered German offensive peace but will fight actively against it. "We did not overthrow Czarism to kneel before the Kaiser," says Trotsky, the Bolshevik foreign minister. "thought it looks as if Germany might be mistaken in believing her troubles at an end on the eastern battle front. The Russians, whatever the body of the people may be, have always had wily leaders, and it is not likely that even in the present instance they will be easily camouflaged."

GRAIN IN SWEDEN.

The Swedish government has requisitioned the entire supply in that country of wheat, rye, barley, oats, mixed grains, vetches, peas, beans and sugar beets. In another order all fodder supplies are taken over, the articles bearing the name being some thirty-five in number. There will be sympathy in America for a so-called neutral nation brought so near to the edge of famine; but not so much as there would have been had Sweden not commercialized her products for three years of the war largely for the benefit of Germany.

Teachers from Oneonta Normal

Already principals and superintendents of public schools in this and other states are looking for teachers among the bright January graduates of the Oneonta State Normal school. Superintendent DuBois of Bencon was in the city last week and took away with him the contracts of three teachers who will begin their work in January; and Superintendent Morris of Bloomfield, N. Y., was in Oneonta on a similar errand, and secured two instructors. The teachers at Bloomfield are Miss Elizabeth Little of Hudson Falls and Miss Dorothy Farnsworth of Westport. The Bencon teachers are Miss Blanche Conde of Amsterdam, Miss Sallie Smith of Jefferson, and Miss Adelaide English of Graumont. The new teachers all receive good salaries—from \$700 per year upward.

Village of Richmondville Complains.

On Friday of this week Commissioner Irvine of the Public Service commission, second district, will hear the complaint of the village of Richmondville against the Great Bear Light and Power company asking extension of its operating period.

THE BIG RED CROSS CARNIVALWILL CAPTURE THE ONEONTA
HOTEL FRIDAY EVENING.A Popular Event Which Everybody Is
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sic, Buffet Lunch, Dancing and
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This Year-End Reminiscence of Friends.

Tickets for the big community Red Cross carnival, to be held in the Oneonta hotel next Friday night, already are beginning to move. Chairman Holley of the ticket committee has his committee well organized and he and his co-workers will promote the ticket sale carefully and thoroughly. Everybody will be invited to buy a ticket.

As the date draws nearer the magnitude and importance of the event also grows. Unlike a charity ball or a society function, the carnival will be made popular. Popular in price—only 50c admission; popular in the manner of serving refreshments—a buffet lunch, popular in the style of dress—people can wear their evening clothes or their business suits, just as they may desire. It is the one big mid-winter social event, but while it will be democratic it also will be representative in character.

The spontaneous response to the request for workers has brought forth many unselfish men and women who are much alive to the responsibilities placed upon them. Every committee chairman is working to the height of his or her best endeavors to make the occasion memorable. And it will be made memorable because of this devotion to the cause.

Already assurances have come from many out of town people who will attend. It will be the mid-winter reunion of old friends, of old acquaintances, and here good cheer will prevail. Here the Yule Tide season will be observed with cheerful hearts and those who mingle with each other will forget, for a time, at least, the hovering of the war clouds.

The music committee, which has two chairmen, Mr. Baird and Mr. Smith, has collected an orchestra that will render superior music for dancing which will start promptly at 8 o'clock.

The mid-way, under the direction of W. H. Fluhrer, will afford many surprises. Mr. Fluhrer's committee already has a program of merit and it is possible one or two other "side shows" may be added.

The fish pond, under the direction of Mrs. W. W. Capron, and the fortune telling booth, supervised by Mrs. Irving H. Rowe, are attractions that will please. The refreshment counter will be arranged by Mrs. L. F. Butts. It is the purpose to have a buffet lunch served at 5c and 10c a portion. This committee has an immense amount of work and will have the co-operation of many willing workers. L. C. Gurney and his committee will see that the rooms are well decorated. Arthur Seybolt has charge of the dancing and promises a splendid program at 5c per dance.

Those who do not care to dance will be provided with card tables supervised by Mrs. Charles Smith. Miss Charlotte Lunn will have charge of the pop corn, ice cream and candy booth. It is expected many will be willing to donate something for this booth.

The cabaret, which will be supervised by Eugene L. Ward and Mrs. David Mills, already has some novel stunts which are in the course of development. This should prove an interesting feature.

The Star has previously mentioned tickets will be 50c. This will include admission to the top floor, where the carnival will be in progress. An admission will be charged each additional feature, but popular prices will prevail everywhere—five cents.

As this is a community effort in which the whole community is invited to share, it is expected that everyone will unite in making it a big success. The proceeds will go to the local chapter of the Red Cross. And needless to say the money thus received will be wisely spent toward the purchase of comforts and necessities for our soldier boys.

The general committee and committee chairmen for the carnival are as follows:

General Committee

Mr. and Mrs. George B. Baird,
Hon. and Mrs. Charles Smith,
Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Seybolt,
W. A. Holley,
Mrs. E. J. Gurney,
H. W. Fluhrer,
Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Capron,
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Dr. and Mrs. D. H. Mills.

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Refreshments—Mrs. L. F. Butts.
Decorating Rooms—L. C. Gurney.
Dancing—Arthur Seybolt.
Card Rooms—Mrs. Charles Smith.
Pop Corn, Ice Cream, etc.—Miss Charlotte Lunn.
Cabaret—Eugene L. Ward and Mrs. David H. Mills.

Laurens Postmaster Examination

The United States Civil Service commission has announced an examination to be held at Oneonta, on Jan. 25, as a result of which it is expected to make certification to fill a contemplated vacancy in the position of fourth-class postmaster at Laurens, and other vacancies as they may occur at that office, unless it shall be decided in the interests of the service to fill the vacancy by reinstatement. The compensation of the postmaster at this office was \$699 for the last fiscal year.

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What is more comfortable to the foot, after a hard day's work, than a pair of good, easy Slippers?

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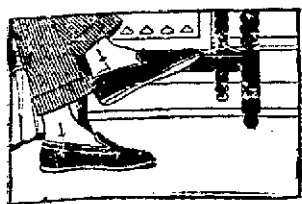
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GET-YOURS NOW**ONEONTA LIGHT & POWER CO.****Christmas
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When you wish to select a Christmas present we offer for your inspection a choice selection of useful articles among which are Coffee Percolators in Nickel Aluminum or Enamelled. Prices from \$2.00 up. Coffee Urns for alcohol or electric. Thermos bottles pint and quart sizes, Chafing dishes for alcohol or electric. Serving Dishes, Sandwich Plate, Crumb Tray and many other useful articles, also all sizes of Flexible Tiver and Fire Fly sleds—Skates for boys and girls. Come early and select and we will hold them for you until you want them.

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THE SPECIALTY SHOP

Bath Robes
for Ladies, Misses and Children
2.75 to 6.50

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in Silks and Crepes
1.50 to 17.50

Separate Muffs
in Black
5.00, 6.00 to 18.50

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174 Main Street Oneonta, N. Y.

AUCTION

I will have for my sale on Friday, Dec. 21, a carload of good, native horses. There will be one pair of black horses, weighing 2,600 pounds; one pair bay horses, weighing 2,600 pounds; and one pair gray horses, weighing 2,400 pounds, in this lot. Sale starts at 1 o'clock.

William M. Anderson
363 1/2 Main Street, Oneonta, N. Y.

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YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURE.

8 a. m.	-	-	-	-	-	20
2 p. m.	-	-	-	-	-	19
8 p. m.	-	-	-	-	-	29
Maximum	30	Minimum				0
Saturday's temperature:						
8 a. m.	-	-	-	-	-	23
2 p. m.	-	-	-	-	-	25
8 p. m.	-	-	-	-	-	7
Maximum	27	Minimum				7

LOCAL MENTION.

The local Red Cross rooms will not be open for work Monday and Tuesday. Operations will be resumed actively again on Wednesday.

Today is the last opportunity to secure that Christmas present. Do not delay. Shop early in the day and relieve the congestion certain to result this afternoon and evening.

The advertisement of the Citizens' National bank Christmas club in this issue is of special interest to those who have seen the happy look on the faces of last year's investors.

The members of the Woman's Relief corps held a special meeting Saturday evening in Odd Fellows' hall. There was a good attendance, with readings suited to the occasion, and the annual distribution of personal favors among the membership.

Four years ago today the first motor fire truck was added to the fire fighting equipment and today the motor driven hook and ladder truck, which was accepted by the fire commission, will be added permanently to the apparatus, on the fourth anniversary.

Motor cars have broken out a road over the Franklin turnpike now a town highway. The first trip over was made by Ferris D. Mackey of Meridale who came over on Friday and was obliged to shovel only for a short distance above the residence of Charles Dye. Four cars are known to have come through on Saturday without trouble, and Saturday evening Bert Pease drove through from Delhi, coming through Meridale and thence by the turnpike route.

CHRISTMAS RED CROSS DRIVE.

Will Officially Close Today—See That Your Name Is on List.

Tonight the Christmas drive for Red Cross memberships officially closes, but there will be no need of any one withholding support for the reason of not having an opportunity to enroll.

The campaign headquarters in the store formerly occupied by the Munn Music company will be open this afternoon from 3:30 to 5:30 and here those who have been away when the solicitors called can come and register their names and receive the flags and pins.

In response to a request of many that they could not join until after Christmas a Red Cross booth will be erected in the Red Cross rooms in the Reynolds block after today where those who were unable to subscribe or have their names enrolled can call and get registered in the big cause. This booth will remain open for a week.

The campaign has been successful, thought there are many solicitors yet to report and a number of districts still to be canvassed. A total of 1048 annual memberships have been recorded; 22 subscribing and five contributing memberships, with total receipts of over \$1100. Of this number many are renewals, but there is without doubt a large portion of these new members, thus showing the total membership close toward the desired goal of 2,000 in the city of Oneonta and a total of 5,000 in the chapter comprising nine towns in the chapter.

From the out of town districts forming a portion of this chapter no complete reports have been received. In some instances the officers have been assured that the work was going along satisfactorily but that no details were yet available. All these reports are to come in during the present week and it is expected by the local committee this county may do herself proud.

The committee has only words of praise for those who have unselfishly entered upon the campaign at sacrifice, in many instances, to perform a task that to them appeared strongly and the results have plainly shown that the solicitors have been alert and keenly interested in the ultimate returns.

Home from Camp Devens.

Only a limited number of soldiers were permitted to leave Camp Devens for a Christmas vacation. Of those from this city but four, Harry Perrine, William I. Rife, R. S. Wyckoff and Birney Wells, were able to come. There were six others from the county who came. Those who are here are obliged to leave on the return trip on Tuesday at 11 o'clock. Unfortunately the money sent by wire did not reach the camp until after the men had departed, but they will find it awaiting them on their return.

Meetings Today.

Regular meeting of Canton David Wilber, No. 37, held in Canton armory, I. O. F. temple, at 7:30 sharp. All chevalliers are welcome.

Meeting Postponed.

There will be no meeting of the K. of C. this evening.

Just Arrived

At Herlieth's Clothes shop, a new assortment of silk pajamas; also more of those combination outdoor sleeping suits. Adv. 1t

H. C. Whitcomb, 18 Dietz street, has oranges, grapes, nuts, candy, cranberries, green vegetables, etc., for Christmas. The store will be open Monday evening and closed Christmas day. Adv. 1t

Our bakery will be closed all day Christmas. Get your orders in early today. Nye's bakery. Adv. 1t

DISPENSE MUCH XMAS CHEER

ELKS GIVE FINE DINNER AND CHRISTMAS TREE TO 110 KIDDIES.

After Feeding Them They Are Given Entertainment in Lodge Room with Many Pleasing Features—Sensible Gifts a Feature—What the Little Folks Ate—Event Witnessed by Hundreds of Elks and Friends.

Oneonta Elks never do things by halves and they failed not in a single feature of the Christmas party given at their home Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock on which occasion they had as their guests 110 of the little boys and girls of the city, perhaps less fortunately situated than others. It was found necessary owing to the calls that came to add a dozen or more at the last moment including three from Milford so that the number was larger than had been anticipated. The increased number, however, had no terrors for the committee in charge and there were presents and dinner ample for all. The happiness so generously distributed among these little folks was witnessed by a throng of several hundred Elks and their friends and it was a sight to dim the eye and soften the heart of all while cheering as indicative of the spirit of doing for others that now is actuating so large a part of the Christian world. It was a pleasure indeed to witness the delight of the little folks always so appreciative of efforts in their behalf, although here and there were children who gave evidence of lack of proper nourishment or care which could not fall to arouse thought as to whether or no all that should be done for these future citizens of the country is being done.

The dinner was served at 2:30 o'clock under the personal direction of Frank Hone of the general committee with an able corps of assistants, numerous business men donating the white apron of a waiter and assisting in serving them while often ladies seated about the rooms would volunteer and assist some youthful lad or lassie in the cutting of meat from the bones or in other things, there being not a few youths of four and five years seated. And how the kiddies did eat! Well filled plates with an abundance of chicken, potatoes and biscuit and gravy ample for a full grown man were passed to each while a brimming cup of milk was placed in front of each. Second helpings were the rule rather than the exception. Then came the ice cream and cake and these too were devoured with relish. When the last call for "more" had been supplied the larder was close to depletion. The party had made way with 65 pounds of chicken, 10 gallons of ice cream, one bushel of potatoes, 250 biscuits, 11 large cakes, 65 quarts of milk and 6 gallons of gravy.

The dinner ended, the little folks were escorted to the lodge room above, in the front of which a large and beautiful tree had been erected. This was lit with a myriad of tiny electric lights in eight strings, each alternately lit and off, while at one side of the tree was a pretty home scene with a fireplace and other accessories indicative of comfort and refinement. Therein was enacted an attractive scene of a Christmas eve at home with the Jones family, with George Daly taking the part of Mr. Jones, Mrs. Norman Getman that of Mrs. Jones and Henrietta Getman and Eugene Leigh Ward Jr. as the children of the household. The guests of honor were seated on the rug in the center of the hall, while about them, closely congested and filling every inch of space, were members and friends who enjoyed the program arranged for the entertainment of the little folks as well as did they, which means that it was keenly enjoyed.

Mr. Jones told an appropriate Christmas story, while Mrs. Jones read another, both effectively rendered, and the kiddies of the household got off some original sayings that were not in their lines that were very amusing. Sleighbells, accompanied by a fitting carol, heralded the arrival of a chorus of voices, who, after being welcomed, consented to sing. In the party were the Misses Katharine Carless and Mary Brosmer, Mrs. A. O. Ingerham and Messrs. Byron Chesbro, Arthur Wheeler, Philip Maples, Edward Tilley, Harry White and Jack Stare. In the selections which they rendered were solos by Miss Carless and Mr. Chesbro, the mention amply proving that they were enjoyed, as indeed were the chorus numbers.

After their departure the kiddies of the household hung their stockings and retired. Shortly after there was a commotion on the roof and the noise clearly indicated the arrival of Santa's reindeer. There was expectancy on every little face. Above the confusion in the room one could hear Santa complaining because the chimney was so hot. Later one of his aids reached the room through a window, which proved too small for Santa and he finally came in through a door. Santa's make-up was excellent, but his voice sounded very much like that of H. W. Fluhrer, the chairman of the committee having the event in charge. He brought his book, which he consulted frequently and then proceeded to distribute the gifts, after making some remarks to the guests, one little fellow answering "no" when asked if they had been good.

The gifts were of the sensible kind, including shoes, underclothes, warm garments and the like, each individual case being investigated and needed things supplied. There were candy canes provided by E. W. Elmore and pop corn balls supplied by F. G. Sherman. Santa's sleigh was backed into the room, but was so heavily loaded with gifts that it broke down when being backed in. The antics of the little folks and their anxiety while Santa was distributing the gifts can best be imagined. There was some confusion and some shouting to him it may be believed. The gifts were finally all distributed and nothing but happiness was depicted upon the

THE ENROLLMENT BOARD

Must Receive Questionnaires Today From All Enrolled Men to Whom They Were Sent December 15—Men Qualified and Disqualified—Some Notices Undelivered.

NOTICE TO REGISTRANTS.

Under Jurisdiction of Local Board Whose Order Numbers Are Between 701 and 800, Inclusive.

There has this day been mailed to you a questionnaire which you are required by law to execute and return within seven days from date hereof. Failure to do so constitutes a misdemeanor punishable by not to exceed one year's imprisonment; and such failure may also deprive you of valuable rights and result in your immediate induction into military service and trial by court-martial.

The local board calls the attention of registrants to the fact that the questionnaires mailed December 15 are due today and must be in the board office before it closes tonight. Several men in the first group have failed to file their copies and the local board states that unless they do so within the time limit they will be placed in class 1 and their names reported to the police authorities. The rule requiring the mailing of the questionnaires within seven days, Sundays and holidays excluded, from the date of mailing is a rigid one and extensions of time can be granted only in most meritorious cases.

Classification in eighteen cases was made by the board Saturday. The following men filed no claims and were placed in class 1: Nick Pinto, Charles W. Deltzel, Lewis W. Smith, J. Wesley Merritt, Frank Mills, Edward H. Dyer, Edward J. Snyder, and Milton E. Derhammer of Oneonta; Claud E. Miller of Unadilla; Lewis C. Curtis of Gilbertsville; Ervin H. Cronk of Prattsville; and Donald J. Platts of Worcester. The claims of Frank Fraboni of Oneonta and Carleton Pomeroy of Unadilla to be placed in class 5 on the ground of physical disability were denied and they were put in the first class, subject to physical examination by the board physician. DeForest Ingerham, already in the service, goes in class 5, as do Sidney W. Holder and Seymour B. Fritts for physical disability, and Antonia Finognari because of being an alien.

The questionnaires of the following men have been returned by the Post Office as undeliverable: William G. Knickerbocker, 67 Maple street, Oneonta; Peter Galanti, 19 Broad street, Oneonta; Earl D. Vanderwerker, Oneonta; and Alice P. Bovit, 3 Park avenue, Oneonta. Information in regard to the whereabouts of these men is requested by the local board.

NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH.

Return Engagement of the Best Show That Has Ever Played Oneonta. Anderson and Weber, who will offer Harry Stubbs, the well known comedian at The Oneonta theatre on Friday of this week in James Montgomery's stage version of Frederick Isham's latest novel, "Nothing But the Truth," claims there are 304 laughs during the two and one-half hours that it takes to play the farce, and after one has witnessed the many troubles and tribulations that Mr. Stubbs, as the young stock broker who bets he can tell the truth for twenty-four hours, has, the auditor thoroughly agrees with the producers. The piece played for one year in New York at the Longacre theatre, and comes with the highest endorsement of both press and public as being one of the cleanest and most laughable farces that has been seen for many years. Mr. Stubbs is well known as an actor of farce and will have the assistance of as capable a company of farceurs as money can get together. All in all, "Nothing But the Truth" is designed for fun only, and it will help for two hours and a half to drive dull care away.

Service Flag for Lieut. Brady.

Mrs. Mark Brady of 8 Fairview street is displaying a service flag in honor of her son, Lieut. W. F. Brady of the Dental corps, now in the service of his country at Spartanburg, S. C.

Births.

Born, at the Home hospital, 39 Cherry street, Saturday morning, to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Winn, 3 Otego street, a nine pound daughter.

Stop! Look! Read!

Christmas dances at Liberty hall Christmas eve, Christmas afternoon, Christmas night. Admission: Afternoon 10c and 25c; evening 15c and 50c. Adv. 1t

Special for Christmas.

Fresh dressed Rhode Island fowls and chickens. Todd's Cash market. Phone 19. Open Christmas until 11 a. m. Adv. 2t

Who said clams? Yes, we have them. Cut high prices. Have fish for Christmas dinner. City Fish market. \$95-W. Open evenings and tomorrow. Adv. 1t

A Merry Christmas to my customers. Charles Swoboda. Ladies' and gents' tailoring, 13 Dietz street. Adv. 1t

Speedway sleds at bargain prices at Joles', 104 Main street. 75c, 98c, \$1.25 and up. Phone \$95-W. Adv. 1t

countenance of any present as they departed.

Of the general committee Mr. Fluhrer had charge of the program and the tree; E. M. Roman, of the decorations; F. G. Sherman, of the gifts; Frank Hone, of the dinner; Charles McCarthy, of the necessary funds; J. J. Gessner, of the musical part of the program. To them and all who assisted by contributions of cash or labor or both much credit is due for the notable success of the event.

Gifts Appropriate For Christmas, 1917

We also have many things not mentioned that would be appropriate for Christmas gifts that we would be pleased to show you.

Handkerchiefs
Neckwear
Gloves
Hose
Umbrellas
Silk Waists
Silk Petticoats
Furs
Coats
Suits

Rugs
Blankets
Carpet Sweepers
Napkins
Towels
Bath Robes
Rain Coats
Scarf and Cap Sets
Silk Underwear
Sweaters

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Christmas Gifts Buy Today

Perfumes
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CHOCOLATES
43c to \$1.25 the Pound
Lady Helen Chocolate
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CIGARS by the box.
TOBACCO by the jar.
PIPES 25c to \$8.00.

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"Prescription Druggists"

PECK'S FLOWERS Of Quality Christmas Flowers

Carnations, pink and white. Roses, red, yellow, pink and white. Violets, Potted Plants Azaleas, Begonias, Cyclamen, Primula, Primrose, Heather, etc. Made up baskets—Containing Poinsettias, Primroses, Marguerites, Ferns, etc.

Grove Street Greenhouses
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PHONE ORDERS GIVEN PROMPT ATTENTION

Are You Wasting a Room in Your House or Apartment?

In these war-times you must conserve and wisely use all of your resources. If you have a spare room in your home, rent it to a desirable tenant—and make the income from it count as one of your resources.

A spare room, rented, is an asset. Unused, it is a liability. A trifling expenditure for classified advertising will solve the problem for you—as well as for the man or woman who is looking for just such a one-room home as you can offer.

The Late Shoppers

Will Find Here a Goodly Assortment of Various Gift Offerings from Which to Make Selections on This,

The Last Day

Below we offer suggestions of various Gifts that are to be found here:

FUR SETS, SEPARATE MUFFS, SCARFS, SHIRT WAISTS, KIMONAS, BATH ROBES, DRESSES, SUITS AND COATS.

UMBRELLAS, HAND BAGS, HANDKERCHIEFS, FANCY LINENS, APRONS, SILK HOSIERY, NECKWEAR, GLOVES, SILK UNDERWEAR, TABLE CLOTHS, NAPKINS.

INFANTS' KNIT SACKS AND BOOTEES

Muslin Underwear, including Corset Covers, Gowns, Envelope Chemise, etc.

Buy the Children "BLACK CAT" Brand Hosiery for Christmas.

B. F. Sisson -- **B. F. Sisson**

The Corner Book Store

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For Christmas

Books, Bibles, Prayer Books, Box Stationery, Writing Sets, Fountain Pens, Desk Sets, Ink Stands, Pocketbooks, Address Books, Diaries, Calendars, Christmas Cards, Etc., or a Subscription for some good Magazine.

Any or all of the above items can be supplied at this store.

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Christmas Shopping

Made very easy here. We have an unusually nice array of gifts that you'll find to be useful as well as lasting.

Shop tomorrow at—

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PERSONALS.

Harry Holmes of Westford spent Saturday with Ononta friends.

Roy Bertha of Waukegan, Wis., is the guest of Berton Ackley of this city.

Mrs. Archie Wade and Mrs. Flora Park of Westford spent Saturday in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. John McKown of Maryland were business callers in Oneonta Saturday.

Miss Margaret Helmer of New College, Pa., is the guest of Mrs. Alice Weir, 192 Main street.

Stewart Lull of Syracuse is visiting his mother, Mrs. F. Lull, 17 Division street, for the holidays.

Mrs. Carrie Jenks is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Ella Bugbee, in Schenectady, for Christmas.

Mrs. M. P. Morgan of Delhi is spending Christmas with her father, E. L. Ford, of this city.

Mr. Miller of this city was in Elk Creek Sunday, attending the funeral of the late Thomas Howley.

Mrs. Nancy Cooley departed Saturday for a visit with her daughter, Mrs. E. Thornton, in Schenectady.

H. W. Hyland of the Boston Store is spending Christmas with his brother and sister at Burlington, Vt.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred O. Dupuis of 13 Academy street are with relatives in Watervliet for a few days.

Miss Della Haddell of Worcester was the guest Saturday of Mrs. Lillian Smith, 54 Academy street.

Miss Minnie Wilcox of Middletown is the guest for a few days of Mrs. Donald W. Strong of this city.

Mrs. Ira Moore of Wells Bridge was in Oneonta Saturday, on her way to Cobleskill for a week-end visit.

Miss Margaret Nolan of 19 Maple street is home from a visit with friends in Buffalo and Rochester.

Mrs. Anna Breesee of Westford was the guest of her cousin, Mrs. Mable Brazie, 184 Main street, Saturday.

Miss Belle Palmer has returned from Washington, D. C., to spend the holidays with relatives in Oneonta.

Miss McNair of Feasterville, Pa., is to be the guest over the holidays of her sister, Mrs. Arthur M. Curtis.

Vernon Fox of Johnson City is at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Loren Fox, 229 Chestnut street, for a few days.

Mrs. Mary J. Hecox of this city is spending Christmas with her daughter, Mrs. Raymond Dewey, in Elmhurst.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hornshu of Elmhurst were the guests for the week-end of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Huford.

R. W. Strait and family of Johnson City are visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Strait, 61 Maple street.

Miss Walters Sweet of Elmhurst, who had been visiting Miss Dorothy Warner of this city, returned home Sunday.

Miss Ulrich of the High school faculty departed Saturday to spend the Christmas vacation at her home at Stapleton.

Mrs. John Downs of Pittsfield, N. J., arrived last evening for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Downs.

Major and Mrs. Arthur W. Cutler arrived last evening from Tenaft, N. J., for a short stay at their residence in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Westcott and children are in Jamaica, L. I., visiting Mrs. Westcott's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Phillips.

L. D. Slade left last evening for Camp Devens, where he will spend Christmas with his son, Corporal Clarence L. Slade.

Miss Jane Gorton arrived Friday night from Buffalo to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Gorton.

Miss Luella VanDusen of 9 Washington street is spending the holidays with her sister, Mrs. Harold French, in Pittsfield, N. H.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tompkins and family and Mr. and Mrs. Bert Nelsh of Walton are guests of Dr. and Mrs. F. H. Marx.

Miss Grace Taber of the New York city schools is with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Taber of West Oneonta, for the holidays.

Mrs. Albert Youngs of Youngs, who had been visiting her mother, Mrs. Belle Palmer, for several days, returned home yesterday.

First Lieut. William F. Brady, D. C., left Saturday for Spartanburg, S. C., after a 15-day leave of absence spent with his parents in Oneonta.

Miss Helen Seybolt of the Glen Ridge, N. J., High school is at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alva Seybolt, for the holidays.

Miss Madge Johnson, who is teaching in the public schools at Johnstown, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Johnson, 8 Walnut street.

Miss Bernice Saxton of the public schools of East Hempstead is spending the Christmas vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Saxton.

H. S. Walters of Brooklyn arrived last evening to remain over Christmas with Mrs. Walters at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Becker.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Powers and daughter, Pauline, of this city, are spending Christmas with Mrs. Powers' sister, Mrs. Charles Lawyer, in Rochester.

Walter Goldsmith is home from the University of Pennsylvania to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Goldsmith, of Chestnut street.

Mrs. Grace Dearstine and children of Altamont, who had been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rousek of 292 Chestnut street, returned home last evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Francis left Saturday morning for Washington, D. C., where they will be guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Strait during the holidays.

Miss Elizabeth A. Crowl of the state treasurer's office, Albany, arrived in the city Saturday evening on her way to Oxford to spend Christmas with Mrs. Haight.

Dr. L. Bundy, William Graney and William G. Cook of Schenectady were calling on John Graney Sunday at his home on Walling boulevard. William Graney left a five-pound chicken for

John Graney's Christmas dinner, and as the latter is making good recovery from his prolonged illness he hopes to do full justice to it tomorrow.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Cobb and son, Arthur Jr., of this city, departed yesterday for Wilkes-Barre, Pa., and at German and Mayfield they will spend the holidays.

Miss Beatrice Ciesielski has returned to this city, after spending six months in Philadelphia, Pa., where she has been taking up a course in voice culture.

Miss Bertha R. Baker, who is teaching at Ridgefield Park, N. J., is spending the holidays at the home of her sister, Mrs. Charles Raymond, 43 Spruce street.

Miss Achsah Skinner, who is teaching in Poughkeepsie, arrived in the city Saturday evening and is a guest of her brother, Dr. James H. Skinner, Chestnut street.

Clyde Wells, superintendent of schools at Walton, spent the week-end with relatives here. He goes to Syracuse today, where Mrs. Wells is visiting her relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Bastedo and Mrs. Belle Palmer left town Sunday to spend Christmas with relatives of Mr. Bastedo, Dr. and Mrs. W. R. Mansfield of Boston, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. William Thornburn left Sunday for Brentwood, Md., for a Christmas visit with their son, William Jr., who is an employee of the navy yard at that place.

Miss Luella Huntington of the Oneonta High school faculty is spending the holidays with her mother, Mrs. F. C. Huntington, and sister, Mrs. G. C. Rogers, in West Edmeston.

Marshall Aldrich, seaman on the U. S. S. Arizona, spent Saturday and Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Aldrich, 4 Potter avenue, leaving to join his ship last evening.

Miss Bertha Crist, who teaches in Pelham Manor and resides at Mt. Vernon arrived home Saturday evening for a holiday visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Crist.

Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Saxton of Mt. Vernon were in Oneonta Saturday on their way to Providence, R. I., where they will be guests for several weeks of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Drown.

Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Matteson and Miss Florence M. Matteson departed Saturday for Poughkeepsie, where the annual holiday reunion of the Matteson family will this year be held.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence F. Baker of Philadelphia, Pa., arrived in the city Saturday evening for a holiday visit at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Baker, South Side.

Mrs. Elwood Bastow of Hoosic Falls arrived in the city Saturday evening to remain until after the holidays with her sister, Mrs. Stanley E. Bartow, and other relatives in the city.

Mrs. A. O. Potter and Miss Mary Rogers of Unadilla, were in Oneonta Saturday, on their way to spend Christmas with the former's sister, Mrs. H. M. Simmons, at Wilber Lake.

Mrs. C. M. Radcliffe and daughter, Mrs. Haley Palmer, left yesterday for New Berlin, where the former will spend the coming week, Mrs. Palmer going to Gilbertsville for the holidays.

Miss Minnie B. Russell of the faculty of the Haldane High school at Cold Spring-on-Hudson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Russell, arrived home last evening to spend the holiday season.

Lee Stalker of the Twenty-third Engineer corps, stationed at Camp Mead, arrived in Oneonta last evening to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Stalker, 24 Broad street.

Miss Florence A. Bisbee, who is teaching in Greater New York, arrived home Saturday evening to spend the holidays at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Adelbert Bisbee, Main street.

Captain Frank E. Edwards, who is now stationed at Camp Devens, at Ayer, Mass., arrived in the city Saturday evening for a short visit with his family who are residing here for the present.

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Blanchard, daughter, Erwin and son, Adrian, left last night for Mt. Morris, where they will spend Christmas with Mrs. Blanchard's mother, Mrs. E. Shaffer, and with other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. G. N. Rowe departed yesterday for Middletown, where they will spend Christmas with the latter's brother, C. J. Holmes. They will be

joined at Middletown by their daughter, Miss Mary Rowe, who is supervisor of music at Hempstead, and who will return home with them.

John T. High school of St. Paul, Minn., and Miss Margery Harp of the Rome High school faculty, are guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Harp, 47 Academy street.

Mrs. H. C. Patton, formerly Miss Blanche VanDerzee of this city, who is now residing at Tarrytown, arrived in the city Saturday evening to spend the holidays with her sister-in-law, Mrs. Henry Shove.

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Saxton left yesterday for New York city to spend Christmas with their son, Pierre W. Saxton at Bronxville. Mr. Saxton returns Wednesday, but his wife will remain for some time longer.

Miss Ellen E. Hitchcock of the Normal faculty is spending the holidays with her uncle and aunt, Dr. and Mrs. George F. Bristol, at Ithaca. She was joined there Saturday by her sister, Miss Jessica Hitchcock of Yonkers.

Mrs. J. Rickard of Worcester, who has been the guest of relatives in this city, returned home yesterday. She was accompanied by her niece, Mrs. Ruth Barrell, who will spend the holiday vacation with her aunt in Worcester.

Mr. and Mrs. James Melvin Lee and daughter, Virginia, of New York city, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Lee at 19 Watkins avenue. Tomorrow both families will attend a gathering at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Frederick at Cobleskill.

Marvin Reynolds arrived home on Saturday from Washington, D. C., where he has a position with the federal government since his graduation from the R. P. I. for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Reynolds, of Franklin street.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Fluhrer have as their guests at their home on West street over the week-end and Christmas his mother, Mrs. Julia A. Fluhrer, and brother, George B. Fluhrer, and her mother, Mrs. C. H. Harding, all of Albion.

Miss Elsie M. Johnson, principal of the Fall Creek school at Ithaca, and Miss Mary H. Johnson, teacher of domestic science in the High school at Machias, are at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Johnson, 23 Maple street, for the holidays.



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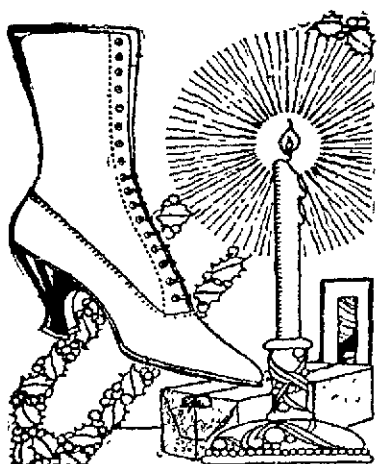
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Handkerchiefs	25c to \$1.00	Canes	\$1.00 to \$5.00
Suspenders and Belts	50c to \$1.50	Traveling Bags	\$5.00 to \$20.00
Night Robes and Pajamas	\$1.00 to \$8.00	Suit Cases	\$5.00 to \$25.00
Bath Robes	\$5.00 to \$15.00	Hats	\$2.00 to \$7.50
House Coats	\$5.00 to \$15.00	Full Dress Sets	\$2.00 to \$7.50
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		Business Suits	\$15 to \$40
		Dress Suits	\$35 and up

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CHRISTMAS EXERCISES

For Churches and Sunday Schools Held Saturday and Sunday.

Christmas exercises for the children of several of the Oneonta Sunday schools were held on Saturday and Sunday, and in each case an excellent program was rendered. In most cases the gifts were restricted to the younger pupils, but these were by no means permitted to think themselves forgotten. At the First Presbyterian church, exercises for the kindergarten were given Saturday afternoon. There was a pretty decorated tree, and something in the way of gifts gladdened each of the little folks. In the evening the exercises were in charge of the more advanced pupils and included readings, recitations, a violin solo, songs and carols. The setting was an interior winter scene of great beauty.

The Y. P. C. U. exercises at the Chapin Memorial church were held last evening. They consisted of appropriate readings and songs, and brief remarks by the pastor on a theme suited to the day. There was a good attendance at the exercises, which were under the direction of Miss Southworth.

At the First Baptist church, a program by the children of the primary department was given at the usual Sunday school hour. All the numbers were by pupils of the department, and were in fullest accord with the spirit and purpose of the day.

At the United Presbyterian church there was a children's party Saturday afternoon, for the pupils of the primary and intermediate departments of the school. Refreshments were served at 3 p. m. and later there was a brief Christmas program and Santa distributed apples and booklets. There were no candies or confections, and the money saved will go next Sunday into the Armenian fund collection.

The Union Sunday school at East End had exercises and a tree on Saturday. There was a special program of songs, recitations and story telling, and there was a treat of apples, cards and to each child a box of mixed candy donated by generous citizens of Oneonta.

At the evening service at the Methodist Episcopal church, the choir of the church, augmented by a chorus of 40 voices, rendered to the keen satisfaction of a good congregation, the Christmas cantata, "Savior and King." The quartet composed of Miss Waters, Mrs. Bard, Mr. Wilson and Mr. Graves took the leading parts. Mrs. T. J. Gildersleeve performed with her usual skill on the pipe organ and Miss Caroline Luther assisted materially with her work at the piano. Miss Johns assisted, singing one of the solo parts very acceptably, she having a sweet voice of quality.

CHRISTMAS EXERCISES

Sunday School of West End Baptist Church to Give Program.

The children of the Sunday school of the West End Baptist church will hold Christmas exercises this evening at 7:30 at the church. The program will be as follows:

Song. School.
Scripture and Prayer. Pastor.
Song. Choir.
Exercise—"Christmas Greeting." Daniel Gassler, Robert Lake, Gordon Ayres.
Recitation—"Santa Claus' Big Job." Florence Thomas.
Recitation—"The Christmas Tree." Norman Burd.
Song. Choir.
Motion Exercise—"Cradled in a Manger." Primary Department.
Recitation—"When Santa Claus Comes." Mabel Horton.
Song. School.
Exercise—"Why Did He Come?" Chester Ayers, Marian Whitney, Edward Ayres, Alice Beebe, Herbert Miller, Lillian Delmage.
Song. Primary Department.
Recitation—"Santa Claus' Accident." Helen Miller.
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"Redemption" Evelyn Nesbit's Life Shown in Photo Drama Christmas Attraction.

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You know for one who has any decency in him at all it is a joy to be forced to change his opinion of a person for the better. It is a mighty mean, low down sort of man who enjoys thinking evil of people.

After seeing Julius Steger's picture poem on the life of the once notorious little vanderbille dancing artist I am free to confess that I admire her immensely, for her unconquerable womanhood, for her deathless motherhood and for the brave way in which she fought her way up out of the hell to the light and joy of the upper regions.

Card of Thanks.

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Never in the history of St. Mary's church has its devoted people taken a deeper interest than in the preparations for the coming Christmas.

The lady members assembled last Thursday evening for the purpose of doing greens, while Chief Electrician A. Valles with his able assistants, Messrs. George McDonough of this city and L. Connors of Troy, have transformed the interior of the church into a haven of brilliancy.

The Stable of Bethlehem with the Infant Jesus in the manger has again been placed in position with many electric lights added.

The service flag, with 25 stars and seven more to be added, has been suspended directly in front of the altar reminding the people, that although familiar faces are absent they are not forgotten.

There will be three masses on Christmas morning as follows: High mass at 8; low mass at 8 and high mass at 9:30. Laessle's Mass will be rendered by the choir under the very able directorship of Prof. Robert E. Gardner, with Miss Irene Hayes at the organ. Gilsen's Venite Adoremus will be given by the combined voices of choir and sanctuary boys.

The procession, which is always an attractive feature and consisting of 72 boys, will move down the center aisle in the following order:

Path—Master Leonard Grogan.
Hope—Master Stanley Mahon.
Charity—Master George Thomas.
Cross-Bearer—George Cronin.
Acolytes—Messrs. George Cieselski and Leo Daley.
Choir Boys.

Deaconi Lucis—Masters Anthony Lance, Richard Purcell, Harold Diamond, Francis Foley, Walter Burke, William McGuinness and Donald Burke.

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Rev. and Mrs. E. A. Martin are entertaining at the district parsonage on Church street the members of Mrs. Martin's family over the week-end and over Christmas and a very happy gathering it is proving. With her are her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Miller of New Haven, this state, a brother, Dr. C. R. Miller of Ray Brook, and another brother, Corporal W. H. Miller of Camp Dix. They also have with them Lieut. and Mrs. F. E. Brut, both of whom are from Camp Dix, where he is assigned to duty at this time, Mrs. Brut being a sister of Mrs. Martin.

Gift to Charles J. Beams.

At the close of the services in the Methodist Men's Sunday school class Sunday morning Judge W. I. Bolton took the floor and said that at the end of the year it was quite customary to make a survey of the work done the year previous. He was confident with other members of the class that all were pleased and much benefited from the instruction given, it by the painstaking and careful teacher of the class. He then turned to a handsome rocking chair and said the class presented it to the teacher, Charles J. Beams. Mr. Beams was very much overcome, but with deep feeling expressed his appreciation.

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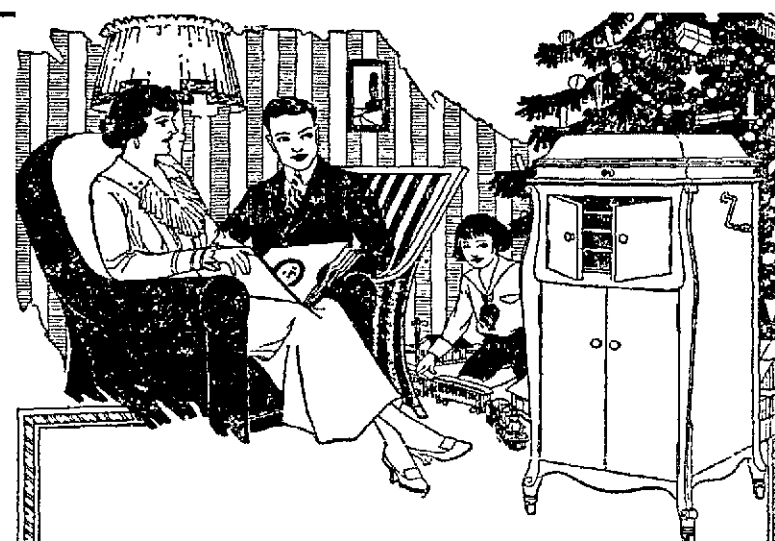
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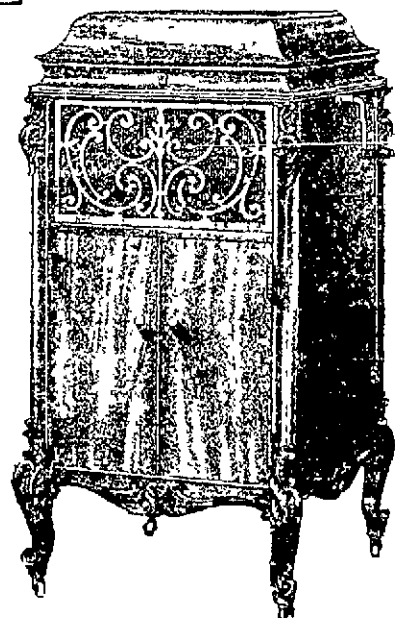
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Firemen Called Out Saturday and Sunday Morning by Slight Blazes.

While fire alarms are anticipated when the holiday season arrives they usually are caused by candles about a tree or carelessness in the holiday decorations of some kind. The firemen were called to the Union block on Saturday morning, but the cause was of a different character than had been anticipated. In lighting a match at the apartment of Thomas Brand, the head flew off and ignited some chenille curtains. They quickly ignited and when they were thrown out of the window an onlooker called the department. Some damage was done to the interior of the rooms but the fire was practically out when the firemen reached the block, although both trucks were on the scene quickly.

Sunday morning the men were summoned to the home of Lynn A. Clark at 103 Elm street, where a chimney burning out caused some smoke and considerable heat. No damage resulted and the firemen only kept guard to see that no fire broke out outside the chimney.

MARRIAGES.

Mayne-Sealey.

Cooperstown, Dec. 23—Earl Alvin Mayne of West Edmeston and Miss Olive Maude Sealey of Fly Creek were quietly married by Rev. T. P. Hall, D. D., at his residence, 11 Eagle street, Cooperstown, Friday evening, Dec. 21, at 7 o'clock.

They were unattended. The bride was tastefully attired in a suit of blue. They will reside for the present in Fly Creek.

Funeral of Charles O. Wager.

The funeral of the late Charles O. Wager was held yesterday at 12:30 p. m. at the family residence, 35 Dietz street, in this city. The services, which were largely attended, were conducted by Rev. L. A. Dykeman, who, after reading appropriate selections of scripture and prayer, gave a brief discourse in which he dwelt with feeling upon the worthy life and character of the deceased. There were many beautiful floral tributes, including those from the Order of Maccabees and the Wilder store, the Bell Clothing company, the Palmer grocery and the auditing clerks of the Otsego and Delaware Telephone company.

Following the service at the house the body was taken to Portlandville for interment in Pine Grove cemetery, where the services were in charge of the Maccabees.

Among those present at the funeral from out of the city were Mr. and Mrs. George Mumford of Milford, John J. Townsend, John E. Frederick, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Brown, Robert Brown, Charles Tripp, Delbert Preston, M. E. Garlock and Mr. and Mrs. John Chrisman of Portlandville, and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Gurney of Maryland. The bearers in Oneonta were William Gardner, Lynn Gilbert, Harry Edmunds and John Redfield, all employees with the deceased in the Palmer grocery. Members of the Order of Maccabees acted as bearers at Portlandville.

Ten Dollars Reward.

Will be paid for information that will lead to the arrest and conviction of persons who have cut young pine trees on the Electric Light property at Schenectady. John Grane, Oneonta. advt. 1t

PERSONALS.

Prof. C. P. Wells of Walton spent the week-end with his parents in Oneonta.

Miss Emma Bates of the Yonkers High school is home for the Christmas vacation.

Miss Lydia Ingalls of Wilber Lake, was in Oneonta Saturday on her way to Unadilla.

Mrs. Jacob Kamfer of South Side is spending Christmas with friends in Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Webster left Saturday to visit their son, Dr. C. H. Webster, in Ithaca.

Mrs. John Soden of Milford is spending Christmas with Mrs. Lydia Soden, 6 Ernst street.

Miss Ruth Butterfield, teacher in the High school at Sayville, is home in Oneonta for the holidays.

Mrs. W. C. Porter and daughter, Hazel, of this city, are spending a week in Binghamton and Deposit.

Miss Deulah Barrett of 101 Center street is spending the week-end with her mother and sister in Troy.

Miss Cora H. Pettit of the Normal faculty, departed yesterday for a holiday sojourn in New York city.

Mrs. Minnie C. Hay is spending the holidays with her daughter, Mrs. Howard Dougherty at Hudson Falls.

J. J. Gessner left Saturday for Sunbury, Pa., to spend Christmas with his parents. He will return next Wednesday.

Miss Ethel A. Hunt arrived Saturday from Northampton, Mass., to spend the holidays with her uncle, C. F. Huntington.

Miss Grace Seachard is home for a ten day's vacation from the High school at Montclair, N. J., where she is one of the instructors.

Mrs. Mary F. Cleveland and Miss Grace Farrington departed Saturday for a winter's sojourn in Jacksonville and Palm Beach, Florida.

Miss Eva Brandon, teacher in the public school at Spring Valley, is at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Brandon, for the holidays.

Mrs. J. B. Kellam, who was called from Binghamton by the serious illness of her mother, Mrs. George Collins, returned to Binghamton Saturday evening, the condition of her mother being somewhat improved and she being in the care of Mrs. Burnside.

Captain George W. Angustin of the Medical corps of the National Army in camp at Spartanburg, S. C., arrived in Oneonta yesterday noon and will spend about a week of his 12 days leave of absence with his family at Laurens. The Captain bears in his whole appearance evidence of the fact that the rigors of camp life have not in the least interfered with his physical well-being.

Card of Thanks.

For many acts of kindness during his last illness and for helpful sympathy shown after his demise, as well as for the beautiful floral tributes from organizations and friends, the family of the late Charles O. Wager desires to express its heartfelt thanks.

Mrs. Charles O. Wager,
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